

Kiwanis Club of Pasadena Newsletter

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This is an occasional publication reporting on the people and activities of the Kiwanis Club of Pasadena. If you have news, old or new, a human-interest story, special event, or whatever, submit your info to the Ye Editor Mel Smith, the club president, or any member of the Board.

Events

International President's Visit: Kiwanis International President David Curry did it all! President Marla's advance word was that KI President David Curry and First Lady Eva would like to participate in all the New Year's activities and meet as many Kiwanians and sponsored youth as possible. This they did on a grand scale. Dave and Eva Curry and Oscar and Gladys Knight fully immersed themselves in decorating floats at the Rosemont Pavilion, enjoying their time with adult, Key Club, and Circle K volunteers, as well as with members of clubs who came down to feed lunch and dinner to up 450 volunteers per meal.

Thanks to all who had connections, to Marla for managing a super private tour guide agenda, to our members who supported the activities, to the Kiwanis Rose Float Club, and especially to their President (and our member), Reid Allen, who made sure President Dave got time to be a decorator worker on the Kiwanis float, as well as ride in it for the parade. CAL-Nev-Ha District Governor Oscar Knight and First Lady Gladys also made the circuit, although they had a couple interim San Diego engagements that shortened their total involvement.

The gala events began December 29 with the annual International President's Luncheon hosted jointly by the Pasadena and Rose Float Clubs: 131 guests enjoyed food, fellowship, and raffle prizes. On December 30, the Rose Float Club held a meeting and dinner (Tri-tip prepared by the Fresno Club) at the Rosemont Pavilion. New Year's Eve, Pasadena Kiwanis hosted a scrumptious dinner for KI President Dave and Eva, CNH Gov. Oscar Knight, and Lt. Gov. Steve Golden and Karen at McCormick & Schmick. New Year's Day, after completing his ride on the Kiwanis Float, Dave Curry and David Datz (representing Pres. Marla K.) attended the Rose Bowl game with Bob Lee, Former Lieutenant Governor and member of Altadena/Crown City.

Member News

Sara MacLellan Hatch: No.1 on this first of the year newsletter is the marriage of our member Sara MacLellan Hatch to Evan Hatch on November 22nd in Maui! They had to return to work (Sarah at JPL and Evan who is in the video game business) after the long Thanksgiving weekend, but they have planned an early spring skiing honeymoon. Sarah will host a student group for Career Day. She hopes the current Thursday project meetings at JPL will ease up shortly so she can resume a more active participation at Kiwanis. In case you forgot, Sarah designs trajectories for the new space missions at JPL.

Craig "Wally" Wallace: Congratulations to Craig Wallace, the newest partner of his MKM Accounting firm. In addition to his regular accounting "job", Craig is on the CNH Foundation, is treasurer for our club, the Rose Float Club and the Alhambra club. This was a long awaited and very deserved advancement for an exceptionally talented CPA.

Karen and John Drew: Wahoo! Karen and John Drew successfully completed a 2 ½ year adoption process. Karen, John, and big-sister Sienna went to China on December 5, returning with Brooke Chang Drew, an 8-month-old little girl, on December 21, 2007. The 131 Kiwanians attending the International President's Luncheon had a chance to meet and welcome Brooke, who was introduced to everyone by President Marla K.

Nicola Keller: At the International President's Luncheon, KI President Dave Curry presented Pasadena Kiwanis Club member Nicola Keller with the Hixon Award for her service and leadership.

Weekly Lunch Meetings: Noon, University Club—175 N. Oakland, Pasadena

Thursday, January 31, Sophia Vallozzi will be our speaker, thanks to the follow-up by Nicola Keller from the Chamber Business show. Sophia is a consultant to businesses on recycling programs. If you enjoy having your groceries bagged in plastic, forget it! Most of the plastics we use today won't recycle! So what do we do now? When we realize that grocery stores and manufacturing plants generate millions of plastic and cardboard containers, we will learn about a whole new industry. Sophia is a delightful and enthusiastic young woman and was a guest at our meeting two weeks ago.

Michael Turner from the University of Phoenix will be our speaker on February 7th. This timely program is brought to us by Reid Allen. Michael's topic is "Rough Times", a behind the scenes look at education. Our Key Club leaders run one of our programs each year and they are scheduled to lead this meeting. How timely is that! So, please attend, hear a good speaker and support our sponsored youth.

Service Projects

These projects are coming up so you need to include them in your planning.

UNION STATION FAMILY CENTER DINNER (4th Monday of each month) – Preparing and serving the meal at Union Station. For January 28, Harry Crusberg is Crew Chief and reports to have a full crew. But,

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25: WE NEED A CREW CHIEF

REBUILDING TOGETHER –Usually the last weekend in April and the first in May. We count service in this project as our participation in the yearly worldwide Kiwanis One Day project: all Kiwanis adults and sponsored youth join to work on one project for their community.

Sponsored Youth Activities

FARM CITY – a Division 10 project with Division 18 (Visalia/Tulare area). In the fall, our kids go north to see what rural living is like. In the spring, we host kids to experience urban life. All Div. 10 clubs participate in selecting the venues and arranging the overnight accommodations for about 35 kids. Our club will need to provide beds and dinner for about 6-8 high school kids the night of April 8th.

Kids will be coming here on April 8-9. The first Div. 10 planning meeting is Jan 29th. The meeting will be held at 7 a.m. at Denny's restaurant on Rosemead Blvd. just south of Las Tunas in Temple City.

CIRCLE K – Reid reports the PCC Circle K club will meet in two weeks to plan their spring activities. They had a lot of members who worked on the floats, helped with the feeding, and filled in to help Reid and the Rose Float Club support Phoenix Decorating. This is a very active bunch of young adults! We are proud to sponsor them.

KEY CLUB – The Marshall High School Key Club members also turned out in mass to help with decorating at the Phoenix decorating site. In addition, they helped the Tournament of Roses sell one of their souvenir items. They made over \$240!

Flags project – a new joint project with the Marshall Key Club. The classroom where they meet did not have an American flag, a problem that was remedied this month.

We found out from Principal Steven Miller and one of the faculty members that many of the 70 classrooms have no American flag; the issue seems to be no money. We're going to join with the Key Club to get flags in those rooms that don't have one. This great idea has also been passed along to the Key Club Lt. Governor and to other Division Club presidents at the DCM.

As reported above our Key Club will be running the meeting of February 7th. This is a good opportunity for the students to speak before a group of "old people". For those of you who don't remember your high school days, old is anyone age 20 or older.

CAREER DAY is set for Thursday, March 13th! We already have several venues and would like to add some new sites. We have a great speaker if his schedule works. We'll have more info in the next issue.

KEY CLUB CONVENTION will be in Sacramento, April 18 - 20. Mark Clay plans on being one of the chaperones. Thank you, Mark. The plan is to fly, not drive.

New Projects and Ideas

PAST PRESIDENTS BOOK – Some of us are becoming living history of Pasadena Kiwanis. Before we become ancient history we should leave more than just a list of names for our future members. All current members who are Past Presidents are asked to write a paragraph, or page, about their part in the history of our club. Since you have been around for a long time, Don Anderson, you are also included: Don was a recipient of a Kiwanis neckerchief award, a forerunner to today's student awards. In the case of Reid, you are allowed to write a short story!

Some of us have known many earlier members and will fill in wherever possible. Names that come to mind include Sammy Blake, Virgil White, Bob Lawson and Ray Hayworth. Pictures are encouraged. The plan is to complete the first publication by the end of the year, with interim notes as we go along. Mel Smith is coordinating this effort, but all interested members are encouraged to be part of the team.